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Concerning

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With Mr. Seldens *Anſwer.*

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Bishops:

With Mr. Selden's Answer.

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Maſter GRIMSTONS Argument concerning Biſhops.

1.

THat Biſhops are *Iure Divino* is a queſtion.

2. That Arch-Biſhops are not *Iure Divino* is out of queſtion.

3. That Miniſt ers are *Iure Divino* there is no queſtion.

Now if Biſhops which are queſtioned whether *Iure Divino*, and Arch-Biſhops which out of queſtion are not *Jure Divino*, ſhould ſuſpend Miniſters that are *Iure Divino*, I leave it to you *Maſter Speaker*.

Maſter Seldens *Anſwer.*

1. That the Convocation is *Iure Divino* is a queſtion.
2. That Parliaments are not *Iure Divino* is out of queſtion.
3. That Religion is *Jure Divino* there is no queſtion.

Now *Maſter Speaker*, that the Convocation which is queſtioned whether *Iure Divino*, and Parliaments which out of queſtion are not *Iure Divin*», ſhould meddle with Religion, which queſtionleſſe is *Iure Divino*, I leave to you *Maſter Speaker*.

Maſter *Grimſtons Reply.*

But Arch-Biſhops are no Biſhops.

Maſter Seldens Anſwer.

That's no otherwiſe true then that the *Iudges* are not Lawyers, and *Aldermen* are not Citizens.

Severall Orders concerning Church Government.

1. Every ſeverall Shiere of *England* and *Wales* to be a ſeverall Circute or Dioceſſe for the Eccleſiaſtick Iuriſdiction excepting *Yorkſhier*

ſhiere, which is to be divided into three.

2. A conſtant Presbitry of twelve choyce Divines, to bee ſelected in every Shiere or Dioceſſe.

3. A conſtant Preſident to bee eſtabliſhed as a Biſhop over this Presbitry.

4. This Biſhop in each Dioceſſe to ordaine, ſuſpend, deprive, degrade, and excommunicate by and with the conſent and aſſiſtance of ſeaven Divines of his Presbitry, then preſent and not elſe.

5. The times of Ordination throughout the Land to be foure times in the yeare, viz. 1. *May* 1. *Auguſt* 1. *November*, 1. *February*.

6. Every Biſhop conſtantly to reſide within his Dioceſſe, in ſome one prime or chiefe City or Towne within his Dioceſſe as in Particular.

7. Every Biſhop to have one ſpeciall particular Congregation to be choſen, out of the moſt convenient place for diſtance from his chief reſidence, and the richeſt in valew that may be had, whe e he ſhall duely Preach, unleſſe he be lawfully hindred, and then ſhall take care his Cure be well ſupplyed by an other.

8. No Biſhop ſhall romove, or bee tranſlated from the Biſhopricke which hee ſhall firſt undertake.

9. Vpon every death, or other avoydance of a Biſhop, the King to grant a *Conge De Cleire* to

the whole Clergy of the whole Dioceſſe, and they to preſent three of the Presbitry aforeſaid, and the King to chooſe and nominate whom he pleaſeth of them.

10. The firſt Presbiters of every Shiere to be named by the Parliament, and afterwards upon the death or other avoydance of any Presbiter, the remaining Presbiters to chooſe one other out of the pariſh Miniſters of that Shiere, and this to bee done within one moneth next after ſuch death or avoydance.

11. No Biſhop or Clergy man to exerciſe or have any temporall Office, or Seculer imployment but onely for the preſent to hold and keepe the probate of Wills, untill the Parliament ſhall otherwiſe reſolve.

12. The Biſhop once a yeare (*at Midſomer*) to ſummon a Dioceſan Synod, there to heare, and (by generall Vote) to determine all ſuch matters of ſcandall in life, and Doctrines amongſt Clergy men, as ſhall be preſented unto them.

13. Every three yeares a Nationall Synod to bee, which (for perſons) ſhall conſiſt of all the Biſhops in the Land, and of two Presbiters to bee choſen by the reſt out of each Presbitry, and of two Clerkes to be choſen out of every Dioceſſe by the Clergy thereof.

14. This Nationall Synod to make and ordaine

daine Cannons, for the goverment of the Church, but they not to bind untill they bee confirmed by Parliament.

15. Every Biſhop to have over and above the Benefice aforeſaid, a certaine conſtant Rent allowed, and allotted proportionall to the Dioceſſe wherein hee is to Officiate. That is to ſay ——

16. Every Presbiter to have a conſtant yearely profit above his Benefice.

As for the Revenew of the Biſhops, Deanes, and Chapters, &c. a ſtrict ſurvey to be taken of all their Rents and profits, and the ſame to bee repreſented at the beginning of our next convencion, and in the meane time no Leaſe to be renewed, nor Timber to bee felled.

FINIS.